

# THE BELEAGUERED CAPITAL



HazMo 11

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**BOADILLA DEL MONTE, SPAIN. 16 December, 1936:** As part of his effort to seize Madrid, Franco aimed to cut off the municipal water supply and electricity by blocking the Corunna Road, the capital city's primary lifeline to the north. With this aim in mind, the Nationalists assembled 17,000 men, backed by 4 mobile brigades, batteries of 155mm howitzers and air support in the form of Ju-52 bombers. The first objective was the village of Boadilla del Monte, which the Nationalists pummeled with heavy artillery and air strikes prior to the assault.

## BOARD ORIENTATION:



**PATH TO VICTORY:** The Nationalists win at Game End if the Republican player cannot trace *any* contiguous line of Road hexes from R5 to EE6 (inclusive), free of Good Order Nationalist MMC on/ADJACENT to the Road.

## PARITY:

- ☑ Replace one MMG in the Nationalist OB with an LMG.
- ☒ The Republicans do not receive a Fortified Building Location.

## TURN PROGRESSION

☑ REPUBLICAN Sets Up First	☒	☒	☒	☑						
☒ NATIONALIST Moves First	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	END		

**REPUBLICANS: Elements of the Boadilla garrison [ELR:3]** set up first on/south of hexrow N in hexes numbered  $\geq 4$ . Units set up in Concealment Terrain or Graveyard begin the game Concealed. (SAN:2)

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2	3	8	

**Elements of the XI International Brigade** enter turn 3 on the south/west edges on/between P10 and GG6.

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**NATIONALISTS: Elements of the Legión Española [ELR: 3]** Set up anywhere on hexrows J/K and/or in hexes numbered  $\leq 2$  on/north of hexrow AA. Units set up in Concealment Terrain begin the game Concealed. (SAN:2)

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**Armored Reinforcement Pool** on each of turns 1, 2 and 3, one PzIB enters on north/east edge on/between hexes J10-AA1.

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## SCENARIO PARAMETERS:

1. EC are Mud (E3.6) with No Wind. All Roads are Paved. Y8 contains a Steeple at Level 2. Place a Stone Rubble counter in O9 and CC6. Place a Wooden Rubble counter in R8, U6 and X5. Place a Shellhole counter in P8, T5, W5 and X7.
2. Kindling is NA and Vehicle Crews may not voluntarily Abandon their Vehicles.
3. UCW 1, 2, 3, 8 and 10 are in effect.
4. The at-start Republican 8-0 Leader is Fanatic and a Commissar (EXC: he Battle Hardens and is Replaced like a normal Leader, but still retains all other characteristics of a Commissar).
5. The Republicans may Fortify one Building Location. In addition, the Republicans may use HIP for one MMC (and any SW/SMC set up in the same Location).

**EPILOGUE:** Initially, the Republicans had only a few battalions in the town to counter the Nationalist threat. When the general staff in Madrid realized the scale of Franco's attack, however, it rushed the XI International Brigade along with T-26 tanks to the battle. The Brigade proceeded to conduct a successful counterattack at Boadilla, only to find itself cut off and virtually isolated in the town. In response, the Nationalists redoubled their assault, culminating in an appalling slaughter on both sides, even by the breathtaking standards of this 6-month old civil war. After three days, the battle ended in a stalemate, the Nationalists having paid a frightful toll in blood for the capture of only a few square kilometers.